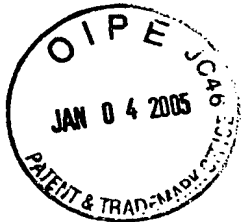


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AMENDMENT

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January 4, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 4,
2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing
of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.